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HELENA, Mont., Aug. 19.—[Special telegraph to THE HERALD.]—It has just come to light that a bold stage robbery was perpetrated last week near the Idaho boundary of the Yellowstone park. L. C. Kramhoff, of Kansas City, a member of the firm of Karna, Holmes & Kramhoff and president of the Missouri State Bar association, in company with his friend John W. Spears, secretary and treasurer of the Kansas City and Martin Distillery company, left Beaver Creek one morning for the park. At about 7 o'clock in the evening, just as the stage had crossed the divide, in Tignes, it was halted by two highwaymen, who demanded that the passengers deliver up their valuables, and be quick. Mr. Spears lost a gold watch, chain and chain, about \$35 in money and some minor articles. His companion was relieved of a gold watch and chain, and \$15 in money. The searching highwaymen kindly permitted the latter to retain his Knights Templar chain. The highwaymen were disguised, and from the nervousness displayed, and their unusual methods, it is thought that they were desperadoes, but they got away with all the valuables their victims possessed. No trace of them has been found.

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CHATEAUX, Wyo., Aug. 19.—[Special telegraph to THE HERALD.]—John Compton, Union Pacific agent at Carbon, started a fire in the oil room of the station this morning, passed back through a door to the office and standing beside the safe shot him of the top of his head with a single bullet. The building, a considerable frame structure with a large quantity of freight, was destroyed and Compton's body was badly burned before it could be taken from the ruins. The man was 30 years old and had been in the employ of the company since 1880. He had trouble with his wife and secured a transfer from a place 300 miles from Carbon, a month ago, to get away from the woman and her family. He brooded over his troubles and had been despondent during the last ten days.

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BRAEFORD, Pa., Aug. 19.—[Special telegraph to THE HERALD.]—A. L. Pratt, fireman on the Campbell lumber road, was killed, and John Galvin, engineer, and an unknown young man fatally injured. Pratt and Galvin, in making up a train, left one car at the top of a steep grade, placing a block of wood under the wheels to hold it while they pulled another car from the siding. Two young men coming along knocked the block from beneath the wheels and the car started on the down grade. One of the young men was on the car, which he had helped to start, but, becoming frightened at the speed it gained, he jumped and was fatally injured. The car smashed into the engine and wrecked it. Pratt, being the only one fatally injured and the other instantly killed.

A Fire in Algeria.

ORAN, Algeria, Aug. 19.—The fire in Algeria which has been devastating the Ammi Moussa forest has already destroyed 35,000 acres of trees.

The Pinto at Plymouth.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—The Chilean cruiser Presidente Pinto is at Plymouth awaiting instructions.

A Russian Minister of Husbandry.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 19.—A commission of the ministry of the interior has drafted a project for the creation of a ministry of husbandry. The change is considered a necessary reform in the face of the present crisis. It is stated the credit for the purpose of providing work for the relief of the poor will amount to \$20,000,000.

German Catholic Central Society.

LOUISVILLE, Aug. 19.—The German Catholic Central society closed its thirty-sixth annual session to-day. H. J. Spauldore, of St. Louis, who has been president for eighteen years, was made honorary president for life. Adolph Reber, of Racine, Wis., was elected president for the ensuing year. The next meeting will be at Duquoin, Ill.

Old Time Telegraphers.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—The Old Time Telegraphers met to-day. About one hundred members were present. President George C. Maynard delivered a short address and the members spent the day in friendly gossip, reviving old time memories and recounting experiences.

Stops Taken Toward the Publication of a History of the Early Development of Telegraphy in America.

Editor of the Omaha Bee, was elected president of the Omaha telegraphers.

The Military Telegraphers also held their annual meeting and the officers were re-elected.

The next meeting, as well as that of the old timers, will be held in Omaha next August.

Canadian Contracts Investigation.

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 19.—Before the election committee this morning Sir Peter Langevin, on oath, denied Contractor Charles' statements made in evidence Friday. He gave a complete explanation of the circumstances connected with the withdrawal of the tenders of O'Hanley and Starnes for the Esquimaux dock contracts, which Starnes was done at the suggestion of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

Interesting developments continue to come out in the hearing of the public accounts committee.

Summerville asked for certain vouchers to-day, saying that they would show a number of officials of the public works department purchased large orders from dry goods merchants for their private use and charged them to the department. Superintendent Bronsill, of the stationary branch, admitted receiving various sums as commissions on goods purchased for the government. The government is utterly paralyzed. The English, Russian and French fleets are awaiting orders within easy distance. China is in a dilemma with regard to the movement of her rebellious subjects against the imperial dynasty. Russia would render foreign interference inevitable. It is believed, however, that at the first sign of force the present obstinacy of the government would give way. Unable to resist, it must yield to just demands.

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Is Their Choice—The Administration Endorsed—Barclay's Defections Referred to—Gov. Pattison Roundly Denounced.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 19.—The Republican state convention was called to order at this morning. The portion of the speech of Temporary Chairman Hall referring to James G. Blaine as "that Republican of Republicans," that leader of leaders," was vociferously cheered. After selecting committees the convention at 13 o'clock took a recess until 2 o'clock.

The convention reassembled at 2:30 p. m. John R. Elkins, of Indiana county, was made permanent chairman. He made a short address. His reference to Blaine was greeted with cheers. One thing necessary for Republican success in Pennsylvania, he declared, is harmony. The committee on resolutions reported the platform.

It has been with especial gratification that the Republicans of this commonwealth have seen the administration of the state department by one of Pennsylvania's native sons, whose superb diplomacy has electrified the hearts of all Americans, and whose great people a degree of respect and admiration for the United States flag hitherto unequalled, and opened wide to us in other lands a new era of peace and friendship. These magnificent achievements justify confidence and furnish new occasion for us to reaffirm the loyalty and devotion of the Republicans of Pennsylvania to her most distinguished son, Hon. James G. Blaine.

"We favor bi-metallicism and endorse the action of the Fifty-first Congress in providing for the purchase and coinage of all silver produced from American mines, and we recommend such tariff duties as will protect our country and its currency from the debasement which will surely follow if this action is made the stepping ground for the silver of the world."

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World's Fair Appointments.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—Director-General Davis has nominated Chief Engineer L. W. Robinson, of the United States navy, to be in charge of the military department of the World's fair. He also announced his intention to appoint John Thorpe, of New York, chief of horticulture in the horticulture department, and to appoint John Thorpe, of New York, chief of horticulture in the horticulture department.

Western Associated Press Meeting.

DETROIT, Aug. 19.—At the regular annual meeting of the Western Associated Press to-day, Hon. William Penn Nixon, of the Chicago Inter-Ocean, was elected president and the following members of the board of directors: E. H. Perdu, of the Cleveland Leader; Victor P. Laws, of the Chicago News; A. J. Barr, of the Chicago News; A. Collier, of the Memphis Appeal; Frederick Driscoll, of the St. Paul Pioneer Press; C. W. Knapp, of the St. Louis Republic; M. H. DeYoung, of the San Francisco Chronicle.

Organizing a People's Party in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—At the Grand Pacific hotel to-night were taken the first practical steps toward the establishment of a Chicago People's party. The conference was a secret one and was held because of the presence in the city of W. F. Rightmire, secretary of the National Citizens' Industrial alliance, as well as of the national party of the Chicago Inter-Ocean. The party work has been performed in nearly all of the wards, while nearly ten thousand names have been pledged to support the principles and candidates of the third party. The work of organization will continue to be pushed.

Lowell's Will.

BOSTON, Aug. 19.—James Russell Lowell's will bequeathed most of his property to his daughter and her children. Such of his books as the college desires go to Harvard, and Charles Elliott Norton is given all his manuscripts, the latter being made his literary executor.

North Dakota's Wheat Crop.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 19.—A special to the Journal from Bismarck, N. D., says: The assessors' return to the state commissioner of agriculture and labor from thirty counties, being all except Barnes, Eddy, Foster, Lamoure, Ramsey, Richland, Stark and Ward, give the following average in crops: wheat, 3,285,275; corn, 30,220; oats, 390,829; rye, 7,115; barley, 120,691; flax, 50,073; potatoes, 14,442; millet and Hungarian, 87,012; other tame grasses, 15,757. It is estimated figures from other counties will give an increase of 400,000 acres over last year. Estimating seventeen bushels to the acre over the entire state, this would give North Dakota 51,000,000 bushels of wheat for this year's crop, leaving 40,000,000 for the market. Harvesting is in full blast.

Texas Farmer's Alliance Convention.

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 19.—In the State Alliance now in session here, a bitter fight is being made on the sub-treasury question, but it is evident a majority of the delegates favor the sub-treasury scheme. A resolution was adopted providing for the appointment of a committee whose duty it shall be to ascertain the exact number of bales of cotton produced in Texas this year for the purpose of protecting planters against false reports of speculators.

THE FRENCH FLEET

It Arrives at Portsmouth Amid Much Enthusiasm.

QUEEN VICTORIA WAS THERE

The Brussels Socialist Workmen's Congress is Accomplishing No Practical Results—The British Delegates Protest.

PORTSMOUTH, Aug. 19.—The French fleet arrived this afternoon and was received by a large concourse of British war vessels and excursion steamers, all of which were profusely decorated. They anchored under the merrymen of Osborne park, the anchorage being selected by the Queen herself and the arrival being witnessed by the Queen and Princess Beatrice from the terrace of Osborne house, amid the booming of saluting cannons from both fleets. The yards were manned and cheer upon cheer arose from the yachts and excursion steamers.

The Brussels Socialist Congress.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 19.—The British delegates to the Socialist Workmen's congress to-day rejected the Helber amendment providing that all candidates for public office must accept the full Socialist programme, the British declaring themselves labor and not Socialist delegates. They adopted a modified resolution to the effect that workmen should exert their political rights to secure any useful reform. The congress, after a lengthy discussion, passed the resolution virtually as modified by the British delegates with a provision that a permanent commission to inquire into the condition of labor. One Cahan, of America, said: "It is a new law to begrudge and favor for useful legislation. We must forcibly exact reform. We must abolish the existing wage system. We want the congress to declare plainly for a labor war. After the resolution was adopted, the discussion on the attitude of labor toward the Jews and urged sympathy toward the latter. This started a lengthy debate, the committee reporting against anti-Semitism as a device of capitalists to sow discord among workmen, while many Jewish bankers and financiers were also present. Finally a resolution was passed condemning both anti-Semitism and Jewish financiers. This impossible reconciliation of conflicting opinions and interests is the key note of the proceedings of the congress, the discussions leading to no practical results.

Amateur Oarsmen.

Second and Last Day of the Regatta at Washington.

Wright Wins the Junior Singles—The Arlington Get the Four-oared Race—Takes the Eight-oared Race.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—This was the second and last day of the regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, with beautiful weather, smooth water and everything essential to good racing. Junior singles, Fleming and Dyer of the Crescent club, Boston, Wright of Toronto, and Berry, of Passaic club, Wright led easily all the way, finishing winner by six lengths, Berry second. Time—10:16 1/2. Second—10:27.

There were five starters in the pair oars from the Argonauts club, of Toronto, two from the Atlanta club, of New York, five from the New